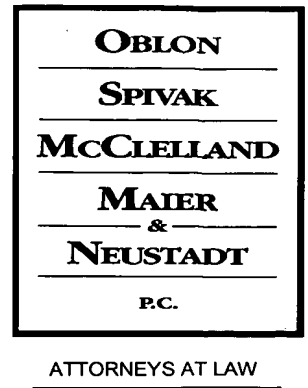


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Applicants: Dino MANFREDI, et al.
Filing Date: April 30, 2002
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WITH SUCH A DEVICE AND PROCESSES USING
SUCH AN EXTRUDER
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Examiner: M. A. Osele

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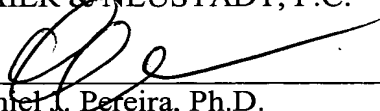
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Response to Election Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the Election Requirement mailed July 26, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse and for search purposes only, Species A, which has a vinyl polymer as the polymeric material, for examination. Claims 29-31, 32-34, 37-45, and 48-53 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election in the above-identified application as follows:

Species A: which has a vinyl polymer as the polymeric material; and

Species B: which has a thermoplastic aliphatic polyester as the polymeric material.